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To: Liquidators

Did you know that if you sell or resell upholstered furniture and/or bedding products in California you must be licensed by the Bureau to operate your business in this state? Under state law, liquidators selling upholstered furniture and/or bedding products may be licensed as a Furniture Retailer, Bedding Retailer, or Furniture and Bedding Retailer.

The Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation (Bureau) is a government entity under the authority of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The Bureau enforces the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act, which protects consumers of upholstered furniture, bedding, and thermal insulation. The Bureau's primary mission is to protect and serve consumers while ensuring a competent and fair marketplace.

In order to fulfill its mandate, the Bureau licenses and inspects businesses that manufacture and sell upholstered furniture, bedding, filling material, and thermal insulation. The Bureau also enforces other regulations required by the Act, such as health and safety standards, product labeling requirements and truth-in-advertising laws.

Know your lawful obligations. It is a violation of California law to sell upholstered furniture and bedding without a valid and current license. Violations may be punishable by fines, prosecution, and/or imprisonment.

For more information about the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation, you may access the Bureau's Web site at <http://www.bhfti.ca.gov>, or call the Licensing Unit at (916) 574-0280.

Best regards,

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